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THE SPIRIT POURED OUT FROM ON HIGH

*Until the Wilderness Became a Fruitful Field,
Isaiah 32:15*

Excerpts from a letter written by GRACE BRACKETT

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AT LAST it has happened! When I read of the great revivals and outpourings of the Spirit of God of the past and of the present in different parts of the world, I have wished I might be there in the midst of it all — that some might fall on me!

God has graciously answered this deep desire of my heart. For years, some have been praying for revival here in the Islands. Here is the way God has answered — and is still answering their prayers:

He sent Dr. Hong Sit, a Chinese man in the prime of life, to the Islands. He, with his family, are on an extended leave of absence from their New Testament Church in Houston, Texas, to do evangelistic work in the Pacific Basin.

He is a former missionary of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship in China and on the east coast of the United States.

They have been in Honolulu several weeks, and Rev. Charles Kwock, pastor of the First Chinese Church of Christ, Congregational, invited Dr. Hong Sit to conduct meetings in his church, which is one of the leading churches in the city. A number of its members have been praying for years for a revival, as have also Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Hensley, former missionaries in China.

The one-week campaign was extended to two, as a real Holy Ghost revival broke out.

There have been confessions of sin, restitutions made, apologies left and right, quarrels settled, and people getting right with each other, cliques dissolved, people who would not talk to each other are now getting along again in Christian love.

Bitterness and grudges have been confessed and forsaken; children going home to apologize to their parents, parents getting together to have family devotions again, families reunited, parents going home to become better fathers and mothers, members coming to the pastor to talk things over, pastor talking to others and counselling

them, people becoming burdened for the unsaved and witnessing to them.

Many were saved. Many more were filled with the Holy Spirit as on the day of Pentecost. This number included the pastor's wife and their teen-age son Dennis, Carol Chung, the director of Religious Education; six or seven deacons; thirty or forty young people; some elderly people; and several children. This included me also!

God is pouring out His Spirit, as you know, in many churches in the United States. We have read this in the CHRISTIAN LIFE magazine and CHRISTIANITY TODAY (May 11 issue).

At Westmont College in California, many students (50 at least — I have heard 100 by now) have been filled with the Spirit. This move of the Holy Spirit has been led by a science professor.

Hawaii experienced an island-wide revival over 100 years ago under Titus Coan, when thousands were swept into the kingdom. Many have prayed for another such spiritual awakening, and it seems this the beginning of it. We are believing and praying it will spread from church to church.

I wish you could see the glowing faces and hear the happy testimonies as night after night people tell of what God has done and how their lives have been transformed.

All this means much to me, for, as I said, while the Holy Spirit was being poured out during the first week of the meetings, He fell on me also (Acts 11:15). I had felt a definite need of more power in my witnessing and teaching, and I had a great hun-

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OUR COVER CHURCH . . . is the recently completed First Assembly of God at Pacific Grove, California. The Pastor is the Rev. Dennis A. Davis. The new church plant was dedicated on the afternoon of Sunday, September 29, 1963. Rev. Joseph Gerhart preached the dedication sermon.

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FIVE CHURCHES GIVING LARGEST OFFERINGS DURING JUNE, 1963

Modesto, Bethel A/G	\$272.42
Lodi, First Assembly	84.00
San Francisco, Russian	60.00
Crescent City, A/G	58.40
Oakland, First Church	55.00

Total Church and Personal Offerings

during July — \$2,864.43

(Includes Church and personal offerings)



Now is the time to send requests for the World Prayermeeting, Nov. 24, 1963. The broadcast will originate from the First Assembly in North Hollywood. "ASK IN PRAYER — Believing for all things" will be the Prayermeeting theme.

Send your offering and prayer request to REVIVALTIME, P.O. Box 70, Springfield, Missouri. Give church name and address in order for proper credit to be given.

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	APPROX. MEMBERSHIP	1962 RECEIPTS	1963 JAN.-SEPT.
Butte	577	\$ 335.00	\$ 21.00
Capitol	1,996	2,057.00	497.45
Central San Joaquin	1,575	677.35	183.00
Coast Counties	1,054	3,899.08	2,073.29
Contra Costa	409	231.65	63.00
East Bay	1,499	1,579.00	95.00
Lake Berryessa	496	205.00	20.00
Lake - Mendocino	299	76.00	8.00
Lassen - Plumas	187	20.00	0.00
North Bay	401	197.50	502.50
Northern Nevada	125	5.00	5.34
North San Joaquin	976	77.00	0.00
Peninsula	2,655	2,409.60	13.00
Redwood	592	170.75	20.00
Sacramento Valley	621	50.00	15.00
Sierra Nevada	258	122.83	292.00
Shasta	204	0.00	26.00
South San Joaquin	780	57.00	0.00
Miscellaneous		348.59	55.00
Total		\$12,518.55	\$3,884.58

Administratively Speaking

By
REV.
**JOSEPH L.
GERHART**



Q Is a church required to deed its property to the Assemblies of God in order to become affiliated with the General Council?

A Definitely NOT. The General Council and the District Council want all General Council affiliated churches to own their own property and to govern themselves.

See: General Council Constitution Art. XIII Page 99
District Council Constitution Art XI Sec. 1, pg. 124
District By-Laws Art VIII Sec. 1, page 138

Co-Operative Agreements Entered into Between Church and General Council upon becoming affiliated

In making this application for affiliation it is understood that the Assembly shall have full recognition as sovereign, entitled to all the privileges granted by the Constitution and Bylaws of the General Council. It shall have the right of self-government under Jesus Christ, its living Head, and shall have the power to choose or call its pastor, elect its official board and transact all other business pertaining to its life as a local unit. It shall have the right to receive into its fellowship members who shall qualify for membership according to the standards determined by the District Council in co-operation with the local assembly, and shall be empowered to administer discipline to the same. It shall have the power to acquire and hold title to property in its own right in its corporate name as a self-governing body.

It shall be the privilege of the assembly to send properly accredited delegates to both the General and District Council meetings. It shall have access to the general oversight and pastoral care of district officers who shall lend their assistance and give advice when called upon for that purpose. It shall also be entitled to District aid in the preparation and adoption of a Constitution and Bylaws for the Assembly, the conducting of special business meetings, the election of officers and the choice of a pastor.

The Assembly shall be entitled to avail itself of all the avenues of co-operative effort provided through the fellowship, such as General Council meetings, District Councils, camp meetings, fellowship meet-

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Note: Address all questions to Joseph L. Gerhart, P.O. Box 961, Santa Cruz, Calif. Questions answered in GLAD TIDINGS as space allows, otherwise they will be answered by mail.

The Christian Church
THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

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Samuel S. Wesley

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PART I

Part II in December Glad Tidings

The
WANING AUTHORITY
Of Christ in the Churches

by the late A. W. TOZER

In this article, one of his last messages published before his death, a twentieth-century prophet wrote concerning the great burden of his heart—that Jesus Christ has today almost no authority among the groups calling themselves by His name.

HERE IS THE BURDEN of my heart; and while I claim for myself no special inspiration I yet feel that this is also the burden of the Spirit.

If I know my own heart it is love alone that moves me to write this. What I write here is not the sour ferment of a mind agitated by contentions with my fellow Christians. There have been no such contentions. I have not been abused, mistreated, or attacked by anyone. Nor have these observations grown out of any unpleasant experiences that I have had in my association with others. My relations with my own church as well as with Christians of other denominations have been friendly, courteous, and pleasant. My grief is simply the result of a condition which I believe to be almost universally prevalent among the churches.

I think also that I should acknowledge that I am myself very much involved in the situation I here deplore. As Ezra in his mighty prayer of intercession included himself among the wrongdoers, so do I. "O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our trespass is grown up unto the heavens." Any hard word spoken here against others must in simple honesty return upon my own head. I, too, have been guilty. This is written with the hope that we all may turn unto the Lord our God and sin no more against Him.

Let me state the cause of my burden. It is this: Jesus Christ has today almost no authority at all among the groups that call themselves by His name. By these I mean not the Roman Catholics, nor the liberals, nor the various quasi-Christian cults. I do mean Protestant churches generally, and I include those that protest the loudest that they are in spiritual descent from our Lord and His apostles, namely the evangelicals.

It is a basic doctrine of the New Testament that after His resurrection the Man Jesus was declared by God to be both Lord and Christ, and that He was invested by the Father with absolute Lordship over the Church which is His body. All authority is His in heaven and in earth. In His own proper time He will exert it to the full, but during this period in history He allows this authority to be challenged or ignored. And just

now it is being challenged by the world and ignored by the Church.

The present position of Christ in the gospel churches may be likened to that of a king in a limited, constitutional monarchy. The king (sometimes depersonalized by the term "the Crown") is in such a country no more than a traditional rallying point, a pleasant symbol of unity and loyalty much like a flag or a national anthem. He is lauded, feted, and supported, but his real authority is small. Nominally he is head over all, but in every crisis someone else makes the decisions. On formal occasions he appears in his royal attire to deliver the tame, colorless speech put into his mouth by the real rulers of the country. The whole thing may be no more than good-natured make-believe, but it is rooted in antiquity, it is a lot of fun and no one wants to give it up.

Among the gospel churches, Christ is now in fact little more than a beloved symbol. "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" is the church's national anthem and the cross is her official flag, but in the week-by-week services of the church and the day-by-day conduct of her members, someone else—not Christ, makes the decisions. Under proper circumstances Christ is allowed to say, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden" or "Let not your heart be troubled," but when the speech is finished someone else takes over. Those in actual authority decide the moral standards of the church, as well as all objectives and all methods employed to achieve them. Because of long and meticulous organization it is now possible for the youngest pastor just out of seminary to have more actual authority in a church than Jesus Christ has.

Not only does Christ have little or no authority; His influence also is becoming less and less. I would not say that He has none, only that it is small and diminishing. A fair parallel would be the influence of Abraham Lincoln over the American people. Honest Abe is still the idol of the country. The likeness of his kind, rugged face, so homely that it is beautiful, appears everywhere. It is easy to grow misty-eyed over him. Children are brought up on stories of his love, his honesty, and his humility. But after we have gotten control over our tender emotions what have we left? No more than a good example which, as it recedes into the past, becomes more and more

unreal and exercises less and less real influence. Every scoundrel is ready to wrap Lincoln's long black coat around him. In the cold light of political facts in the United States, the constant appeal to Lincoln by the politicians is a cynical joke.

The Lordship of Jesus is not quite forgotten among Christians, but it has been mostly relegated to the hymnal where all responsibility toward it may be comfortably discharged in a glow of pleasant religious emotion. Or if it is taught as a theory in the classroom it is rarely applied to practical living. The idea that the Man Christ Jesus has absolute and final authority over the whole church and over all of its members in every detail of their lives is simply not now accepted as true by the rank and file of evangelical Christians.

What we do is this: We accept the Christianity of our group as being identical with that of Christ and His apostles. The beliefs, the practices, the ethics, and the activities of our group are equated with the Christianity of the New Testament. Whatever the group thinks, or says, or does is scriptural, no questions asked. It is assumed that all our Lord expects of us is that we busy ourselves with the activities of the group. In so doing we are keeping the commandments of Christ.

To avoid the hard necessity of either obeying or rejecting the plain instructions of our Lord in the New Testament, we take refuge in a liberal interpretation of them. Casuistry is not the possession of Roman Catholic theologians alone. We evangelicals also know how to avoid the sharp point of obedience by means of fine and intricate explanations. These are tailor-made for the flesh. They excuse disobedience, comfort carnality, and make the words of Christ of none

effect. And the essence of it all is that Christ simply could not have meant what He said. His teachings are accepted, even theoretically, only after they have been weakened by interpretation.

Yet, Christ is consulted by increasing numbers of persons with "problems" and sought after by those who long for peace of mind. He is widely recommended as a kind of spiritual psychiatrist with remarkable powers to straighten people out. He is able to deliver them from their guilt complexes and to help them avoid serious psychic traumas by making a smooth and easy adjustment to society and to their own ids. Of course, this strange Christ has no relation whatever to the Christ of the New Testament. The true Christ is also Lord, but this accommodating Christ is little more than the servant of the people.

But I suppose I should offer some concrete proof to support my charge that Christ has little or no authority today among the churches. Well, let me put a few questions and let the answers be the evidence.

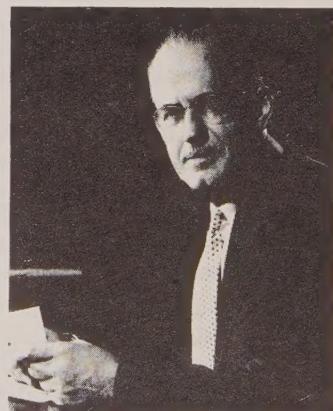
What church board consults our Lord's words to decide matters under discussion? Let anyone reading this who has had experience on a church board try to recall the times or time when any board member read from the Scriptures to make a point, or when any chairman suggested that the brethren should see what instructions the Lord had for them on a particular question. Board meetings are habitually opened with a formal prayer or a "season of prayer"; after that the Head of the church is respectfully silent while the real rulers of the church take over. Let anyone who denies this bring forth evidence to refute it. I for one will be glad to hear it.

(Concluded next month)

THE AUTHOR: A. W. Tozer, widely known and deeply respected Christian leader, entered the presence of the Lord on May 13, 1963. He was sixty-six years old. A conference speaker, pastor of the Avenue Road Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, Toronto, Canada, and editor of the "Alliance Witness," Dr. Tozer had been in the ministry for 46 years.

He was known for his unusual ability to penetrate beyond the surface of Christian living and deal with basic spiritual issues to the profit of his hearers or readers. Articles from his pen have appeared in almost every evangelical magazine.

The accompanying article is an expression of Dr. Tozer's deep concern over the present state of Christianity—we call Christ "Lord," but are not doing what He says.



Lest We Forget

by FRANK M. BOYD

Internationally known educator,
writer, and minister of the
Assemblies of God.



Instead of recognizing the majestic place of final and universal authority which Christ now occupies, we use terms concerning Him growing out of His humanity, His babyhood, and His preciousness (1 Peter 2:7), which are almost sickly sentimental betimes.

We must never forget that Christ is LORD, Master, Sovereign.

As Paul declares it, "We regard no one after the flesh (from a human point of view), even though we once knew Christ after the flesh (from a human point of view) we regard Him thus no longer." 2 Cor. 5:16, RSV adapted. Though as "Son of man" He tabernacled in the flesh, and, indeed, became one with us in our humanity, He is now the forever exalted "Son of God," equal with the Father, seated at His right hand of authority, to whom "all power (authority) is given in heaven and on earth (Matt. 28:18) and to whom all judgment is committed by the Father (John 5:22), that "all may honor the Son even as they honor the Father" (John 5:23). He is Sovereign-Creator and Sustainer of the universe. (Col. 1:16, 17).

Thus we owe to Christ the highest honor, the profoundest worship, the utmost loyalty. So, the teachings of Christ, His commandments, are to regulate the ethical side of our lives as Christians.

A strange misconception by one of our greatly respected Bible expositors has designated the Sermon on the Mount as "pure law," has assigned its application to the Christian and "in its primary significance gives neither the *privilege* nor the *duty* of the Church." This despite the fact that our Lord commissioned His disciples to "go and teach all nations . . . teaching them to observe all things *whatsoever I have commanded you.*" Matt. 28:19, 20.

It is true, as this expositor states, that the teachings of Christ are "found in the Epistles," but in the Sermon on the Mount they come to us with authoritative force directly from the LORD Himself.

We conclude, then, that Christian ethics consist in obedience to the practical teachings of Christ as our Sovereign-Lord and Master (Luke

6:46, John 13:13). He is revealed in the Word as "Lord of all" (Acts 10:36); "to Him every knee shall bow" (Phil. 2:9-11); "He is King of kings and Lord of Lords" (I Tim. 6:15; Rev. 19:16). His commandments are the guiding principles for the life of the Christian.

Let us note just a few of these, which, if obeyed, would profoundly change our individual lives; would bring greater harmony in the society of the Church; would make more effective, successful, and far-reaching the witness of the Church; and would hasten the coming of the kingdom. For example, let us note—"Bless them that curse you and pray for them that despitefully use you;" "Judge not that ye be not judged, for with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged;" "Forgive and ye shall be forgiven;" "Why do you seek the speck that is in your brother's eye but do not notice the log that is in thine own eye;" "Beware of practicing your piety before men in order to be seen of them;" "Give, and it shall be given you, good measure, pressed down and running over;" "If thou bring thy gift to the altar and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother and then come and offer thy gift."

Let me put the plumbline of one more command of our Lord alongside our lives and see how we measure up—"Whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also." Matt. 6:39. A blow on the *right* cheek must of necessity be a back-handed slap and not one of extreme violence. It could be a slap or flick of contempt or reproach and by this very nature be harder to take. I was greatly edified in reading an article

by Ollie Payne in the July *Eternity* Magazine, entitled *Psychology and the Other Cheek*. I quote at length: "In turning the other cheek or going the second mile we must always keep in mind that it is not just a matter of giving in to another's demands. We must give *more* than is demanded. It is this extra which works the magic. Jesus put it another way when He said, 'If any man will sue thee at the law and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also.' When a man goes the first mile, he is a *slave* grudgingly obeying an unjust command, but when he goes the second mile, he is a monarch granting a favor. The favor calls forth gratitude where the grudging obedience does not. Returning good for evil is sound psychology . . . a sound technique for promoting friendliness in social relations. But in spite of the mound of evidence to show the practicality of turning the other cheek, we still hesitate to use it . . .

"My 'enemy,' whether he is an in-law, a neighbor, or my own spouse, may be just as much afraid that I will take advantage of him as I am that he will take advantage of me. We may both be pushing just as hard to avoid being trampled. If either turns the other cheek, the other will be glad to cooperate."

"WHY CALL YE ME LORD, LORD, and DO NOT THE THINGS WHICH I SAY?

PRINZINGS HONORED

Pastor and Mrs. Kelsey C. Prinzing were honored by the congregation of the Los Gatos Assembly on the occasion of their 35th Wedding Anniversary on September 28. A gift was presented to the Prinzings during the Sunday morning service and upon opening it they found that the church had provided them with a ten-day, all-expense-paid vacation to be spent at Reef-Towers Hotel in Honolulu, Hawaii. A life-time dream of Rev. Prinzing has been to take his "bride" to Hawaii on their 35th wedding anniversary. So, they expect to leave from the S. F. International Airport via Pan American Airways within a few days.

LOS GATOS

Pastor K. C. Prinzing has announced recently the appointment of Nathan Gossett to serve as Minister of Christian Education.

RUSSIA HAS 100,000 PENTECOSTAL BELIEVERS

Inside news from a British school teacher: I thought it might be of interest to your readers if I passed on what I know of Pentecost inside Russia. Last summer I was a member of the delegation of British teachers of Russian who visited the Soviet Union and studied there. During my stay in Moscow, I worshipped at the Evangelical Baptist Church. The pastors and Soviet of the church entertained me at lunch, and I spent an afternoon talking with some of the pastors at their headquarters, in particular with Pastor Orlov. There is one evangelical church in the USSR called the Evangelical Baptist Church and comprising 500,000 baptized members spread over the USSR in 5,000 churches. Within the fellowship there are 80,000 Pentecostal believers. The Pentecostal emphases are therefore well known among Russian Christians of the Evangelical church. One of the leading elders in the Moscow church is a Pentecostal believer, to whom Pastor Orlov introduced me and who showed me around the Moscow church. Outside the Evangelical Baptist Church there is a further group of Pentecostals, numbering 20,000. I was unable to find out very much about these, beyond the fact that they were frowned upon by the Ministry of Religion and that they met in small groups in flats and in houses. (I received the impression that the gifts of the Spirit would tend to be in use in this type of meeting, but that it would be impossible, because of the authorities, for them to flourish in the normal church services.)

Pentecostal believers are strong in the Ukraine and the Evangelical Churches there tend to have a Pentecostal emphasis. The Pentecostal groups were founded by a Russian believer who had gone early in this century to the USA and had been baptized in the Holy Ghost and then had returned to the USSR. He eventually ended up in a concentration camp, and after a long imprisonment died there.

—Pentecost

RUSSIAN MAGAZINE ATTACKS GOSPEL BROADCASTS

Monte Carlo (MNS) — An article entitled "Evangelists from the Gambling House" taken from a prominent Russian magazine, *Krokodil*, was mailed by a listener in Finland to Trans-

MISSIONS ITEMS



World Radio, a gospel radio station located here.

Among the comments in the scathing satire was this: 'It is explained with authority that eternity could be spent in two ways: (1) fellowship with the cherubims and seraphims, (2) in hellish tar kettles of extreme heat. Father Paul recommends the first choice and promises to help the willing ones concerning a pass into paradise.'

Broadcasters here have interpreted the article to indicate that many people in Russia are listening to the broadcasts, leading the writer to attempt to undermine their influence by vicious ridicule.

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL (RNS)

Brazil, the largest Roman Catholic nation in the world, may become the first country to issue a postage stamp honoring a voodoo goddess.

The Postal and Telegraph Department is considering a suggestion that it issue a series of stamps honoring Yemanja, voodoo water goddess, at the end of the year. The festal day for Yemanja begins at midnight, Dec. 31 and continues throughout the pre-dawn hours of January 1.

Yemanja, while considered belonging to the Macumba (voodoo) cults, also has an early Brazilian Indian legendary connection, and is widely worshipped throughout the country. At midnight, thousands of her devotees throng the Rio de Janeiro waterfront, throwing flowers, money, jewelry, and bread into the water in payment of promises made to the goddess.

KATMANDU, NEPAL

Foreign missionaries are forbidden to proselytize under a sweeping new legal code promulgated by King Mahendra of Nepal, a remote kingdom in the Himalayas, where Hinduism is the state religion. The law does not legally recognize religious conversions. Missionaries seeking to make converts face a three-year prison term and banishment from the kingdom after a year in jail.

GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR

Lowell and Virla Dowdy have now been in their new pioneer field for one year. Much has been accomplished. First Assembly of God in Ecuador organized—three deacons, two co-pastors, two deaconesses—all baptized in the Holy Spirit. 85 members. Each of the two groups has a spirit-filled S.S. Supt., ass't sup., sec.-treas., and six teachers and helpers ... 25 adult members of "Free Brethren" church in outlying area have received Baptism in the Holy Spirit and are desirous of fellowship with the A of G.

FRENCH ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

The French Assemblies of God continue in Algeria. In Oran, after the reopening of the work, there was a baptismal service on Dec. 9, when seven sisters and one brother were baptized amid scenes of great joy. Edward Kowalski bravely leads a reviving work, assisted by Bro. Kellerman. They are working in Algiers, Blida, Orleansville, and Mostaganem.

—Pentecost

MANAUS, AMAZONAS, BRAZIL

Arne and Joyce Abrahamson with Tonja, Terri, Stephen, and Stanley ask prayer through the following poem:

I do not know why there should come to me
The thought of someone miles and miles away,
With a swift insistence on the memory,
Unless a need there be that I should pray.

Too hurried oft are we to spare the thought
For days together of a friend away.
Perhaps God does it for us, and we ought
To read His signal as a call to pray.

Friend, do the same for me; if I intrude
Unasked upon you on a crowded day,
Give me a moment's prayer as an interlude;
Be very sure I need it, therefore pray!

—Selected

WHAT'S NEW

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD



NATIONALLY...

BIBLE READING AND PRAYER IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The 30th General Council supported a resolution calling the nation to recognize firmly and finally its dependence on God and stating its conviction that the trend moving this country steadily toward the status of an officially godless nation needs to be reversed to the point where we are Constitutionally and officially a God-fearing nation. According to a committee report, there is a justifiable fear that the trend toward secularization of our entire society may result, sooner or later, in the loss of the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; "In God We Trust" on coins and currency; prayers in Congress, State Legislatures, and other official functions; and the activities of chaplains in armed services. In the meantime, the report stated, we encourage Christians everywhere to lend their prayerful support to whatever measure of Christian witness is permitted in public and school life and to support whatever remedial legislation is proposed to strengthen the position of the Christian witness in this circumstance.

ECUMENICITY PROTESTED

The 30th General Council reiterated the statement of the 1962 General Presbytery against ecumenicity. Adoption of the statement serves as a basis of understanding on a "super world church" for the entire ministry of the Assemblies of God. Instead of organic unity, the resolution calls for churches to seek unity in Christ. The statement opposes the project of the World Council of Churches to bring all denominations together into one body.

MISSIONARY RALLY

More than \$60,000 was reported in missionary giving during Global Conquest Day at General Council. Speaking to some 8,000 gathered for the Sunday afternoon rally, the Rev. Morris Plotts, missionary evangelist, stated that at least one billion heathen in the world remain unevangelized.

'WORLD CHURCH' OF QUESTIONABLE VALUE

General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman opened the 30th General Council of the Assemblies of God in Memphis, Tenn., with a challenging message to a crowd estimated at more than 5,000. Emphasizing the need for action by Pentecostals and the Assemblies of God in particular, he said, the church international is fast moving toward organization of a massive world church and is already "beating" a path toward Rome. "I want no part of the march to Rome. I'm not for division and separation of God's people. But unity can come through the Spirit, rather than organization of a massive world church," the general superintendent said. A decline is occurring in the evangelistic ministry of the church." He noted the number of ministers is declining and called for reemphasis on evangelism.

'ACTION MANDATORY' STARTS

It is not too early to make preparations for Action Mandatory, the Men's Fellowship soul-winning campaign, during November. Using the theme, "Witnesses Unto Me," the effort will be promoted "by the Word," "by the Spirit," and "by Men." Action Mandatory will conclude with Men's Day, Sunday, December 1. Men's Day theme is "Mobilizing Men for Christian Action" through worship, witnessing, boys' work, and missionary action.

ALL-CHURCH CONVENTION

Plan to bring a complete delegation from your church for the Golden Jubilee Convention in Springfield April 21-23, 1964. Every facet of church life will receive coverage through conferences, visual presentations, and featured ministry. The first 5000 pre-registrations will receive a souvenir medallion of the 50th anniversary convention. Address housing reservations to Assemblies of God Housing Committee, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Missouri 65802.

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Facing the problem is foremost, but this does not solve it. Actual financial assistance is the only solution. Bills press in and make life miserable for old folk who deserve to live their last years free from the financial crises which made up their life of ministry in pioneer works and on mission fields.

Thanksgiving Sunday will be a special Aged Ministers' Assistance offering day. Give freely and lovingly. Forget that a retirement plan should have been established, and remember only what these men and women have done for our great movement.

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Evangelism Top Importance

General Council expressed the opinion that evangelism should be placed at the heart of the organization's program. To accomplish this, the session directed that an Evangelism Committee be appointed by the General Superintendent, to serve directly under his supervision, to give constant consideration to this area of the church's ministry. The committee will assume duties previously committed to Evangelism Department, but will reach out to expand and place stronger evangelism emphases in each department.

The General Council also called for appointment of a study committee to look into the relationship of evangelists to the total picture of evangelism. The committee will be appointed by the General Superintendent.

Church

News

Items of Interest . . . About Evangelists and Churches

EL CERRITO

We were happy to have the "Musical Clarks" from Rockford, Illinois here with us for a week's revival. Three were saved and others reported drawn closer to the Lord through the ministry of Evangelist Paul Clark and through the anointed singing and music. Pastor Verlyn M. Skore.

LAS VEGAS

Trinity Temple "We have been richly blessed of the Lord these past weeks, yet we all confess the need for a deep moving, Heaven-sent revival within our hearts. DAYS-OF DEDICATION emphasis is an effort to help all to draw nearer to the Lord, receiving more readily His directives for our lives and following more carefully. His will in relationship to the coming revival effort. Evangelist Ron Prinzing." Pastor Wilbur H. Wacker.

LOELOCK, NEVADA

Robert T. Monroe, one of our parishioners, who lives on a ranch in Lower Valley, has been declared the 1963 Nevada Outstanding Farmer Conservationist.—Pastors Enyart and Petznick.

RICHMOND

Full Gospel Temple. Rev. Leland Keys, Pastor of Bethel Temple, San Jose, was guest speaker for the Sunday School Staff Banquet. "The Space Age and God" was the title of Chester Ansley's unusual visual demonstration and presentation at a recent Men's Fellowship meeting. Pastor J. Boyd Wolverton.

SACRAMENTO

Country Centre Assembly enjoyed the ministry of Ed and Gwen Weising in a "Kid's Krusade." Eighty-two were registered in the one week meeting with 14 making decisions for Christ. Twenty-eight children without any Sunday School affiliation were conducted as a result. We thank God for His faithfulness. Pastor Jim Grams.

PETALUMA

John French, former actor, producer, and playwright, was a recent speaker. He gave his thrilling testimony of how Christ became real to him through the Billy Graham meetings in London several years ago. Pastor Eugene Fields.

SUNNYVALE

Associate Pastor and Mrs. Curt Myers were recently honored with a farewell on the occasion of their going to Placerville to serve as Pastors of that Assembly. During the past three years they have been a great blessing to the church, especially with the choirs and young people. They will be greatly missed from the Assembly. Pastor Ralph W. Hillegas.

News Is Welcome

We welcome your news and announcements. All material must be in our office by the 8th of the month in order to meet the deadline necessary for the printer to fulfill his delivery date.

CAMPBELL

Missionary James Baker from China and Formosa was a recent guest speaker. Herbert Johnson, pastor.

PASTOR AND MRS. KENNETH SHORT were honored by the congregation of FIRST ASSEMBLY of Santa Cruz, on the occasion of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

The children of PASTOR AND MRS. FLOYD W. THOMAS, gave a lovely reception for their parent's twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on October 20th at Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco.



TURLOCK

Evangelist Wesley Morton of Washington was recently guest speaker at Bethel Temple for a special Evangelism Emphasis. Robert Carrington, Pastor.

EVANGELIST DAVE HINES

. . . expects to leave October 28th to minister in Africa beginning in Liberia. He will appreciate the prayers and support of his many friends.

EVANGELIST AND MRS. TED SILVA

. . . write from Sweden of their ministry in Europe. They have been in France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark and have preached in Pentecostal, Mission Covenant, Baptist and Salvation Army churches.

MISS MARIE NEUFIELD

. . . left for Ouagadougou, Upper Volta, West Africa, on October 16, under appointment of Youth With a Mission. This is a program whereby young people may serve for one year in a foreign country to help free the hands of the missionary. Miss Neufield will serve as a bookkeeper in the Assemblies of God printing plant and bookstore, replacing Gladys Rose of Wyoming. The Raymond Zents are in charge of the work in Ouagadougou.

Marie has served as Chief Bookkeeper in the District Office of the Assemblies of God in Santa Cruz for the past two years. Before coming to the District Office, she attended Oakland City College and Evangel College in Springfield, Missouri. She is a member of Calvary Temple, Oakland. Foreign address: B. P. 29, Ouagadougou, Republique de Haute Volta, West Africa.



MISS MARIE NEUFIELD

B. B. C. Prexy to Minister in Orient

Bethany President Dr. C. C. Burnett will engage in overseas ministry during the summer of 1964. At the invitation of the Reverend Maynard Ketcham, representative for the Foreign Missions Board of the Assemblies of God General Council, he will address the All Asia Missionary Convention for two weeks, July 6-21.

The theme of the seminar, which will be held in Manila, Philippine Islands, will be "The Building of the Mission Bible School" — a subject which President Burnett is well-equipped to handle in view of his own experience as the vice-president of CBI, his term as Secretary of Education, and his five years as President of Bethany Bible College.

The college Board of Trustees has approved President Burnett's planned ministry to the Manila convention, and recommended further that he use the entire summer in travel and ministry throughout the Orient, visiting Assemblies of God mission stations and schools.

Present plans call for two weeks in

Manila, a week each in Japan, Korea, Formosa, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Burma, and Calcutta, India. After better than eight weeks in this ministry, Dr. Burnett will return to the United States via Egypt, Tanganyika, Israel, Greece, Italy, and Germany.

The Foreign Missions Department has approved the President as an overseas evangelist and accordingly will give missionary credit for all offerings contributed to his trip. Anyone wishing to help in this tour may do so by sending your contribution to the college or to the Foreign Missions Department, marked Burnett, Oriental Mission.



DR. C. C. BURNETT

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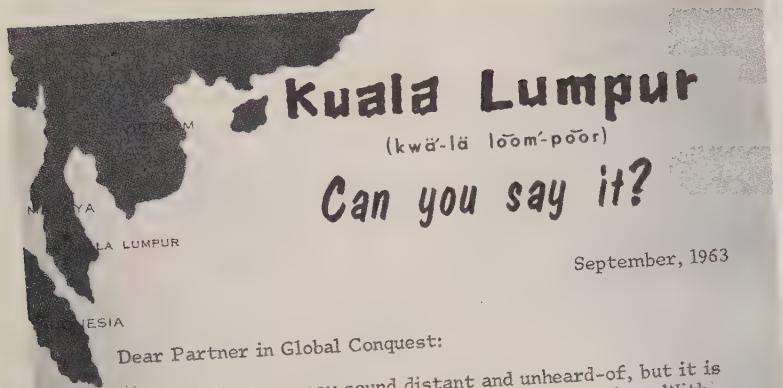
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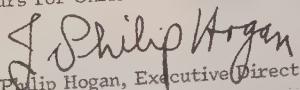
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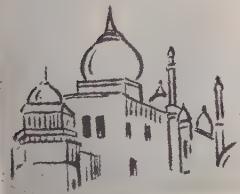
Kuala Lumpur may sound distant and unheard-of, but it is the dynamic and fast-growing capital of a new nation. With more than half its population less than 25 years of age, it stands for the new and vigorous. The new nation of which it is the capital is to be called Malaysia, and will include what is presently Malaya, Singapore, North Borneo, and Sarawak. Significantly, Malaysia's constitution guarantees religious freedom, heretofore not accorded large masses of the population. For the first time our missionaries will be free to preach anywhere and everywhere.

It is as if circumstances have conspired to give us a ready-made harvest field. God has helped us to be in the right place at the right time to turn a dramatic new development to the advantage of the Kingdom of God. Calvary Assembly in Kuala Lumpur is a fine congregation of more than two hundred English-speaking Chinese and other nationals. Most of the adults in the congregation have already experienced the infilling of the Holy Spirit. In nearby Petaling Jaya we have one of the best led and best equipped of all our Bible schools. Beginning with this important nucleus of dedicated people, and with the help of the Lord, Global Conquest intends to erect a great evangelistic center in this capital city.

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Leave it to the women folk,
The young will pass it by.
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From the coarse and selfish mob,
And the Church that is to prosper
Needs the laymen on the job.
Now, a layman has his business,
And a layman has his joys,
But he also has the training
Of his little girls and boys,
And I wonder how he'd like it
If there were no churches here
And he had to raise the children
In a Godless atmosphere.
It's the Church's special function,
To uphold the finer things,
To teach the way of living,
From which all that's noble springs,
But the ministers can't do it
Single-handed and alone,
For the laymen of the country
Are the Church's cornerstone.
When you see a Church that's empty,
Though its doors are open wide,
It's not the Church that's dying,
It's the laymen who have died.
For it's not by song or sermon
That the Church's work is done,
It's the laymen of the country,
Who for God must carry on.

Pastor's Prayer Fellowship Organized

Pastor Dwight Burchett of Bethany Church, Sacramento, reports: "Dear Mr. Gerhart, I thought you might be interested in a little game of copying that I did. I have been so very impressed with your *Superintendent's Prayer Fellowship* that I have organized here in our local church, the *Pastor's Prayer Fellowship*. I have revised the points of prayer to meet the local situation but I'm sure it is going to be a blessing. Perhaps it could bring revival to our District if all our churches would do something along this line. Ours is just getting under way but I see a spiritual move by faith even in the very beginning."

BRITISH A/G CONFERENCE NEWS

The popular "Sunday Half-hour" of hymn-singing, listened to by many millions all over the world, was this year broadcast live from the holiday camp near Morecambe by the British Broadcasting Corporation. Reports from far and wide told of excellent reception. The BBC announcer affirmed that in all his experience he

Administratively

Speaking

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ings, prayer conferences and conventions, etc. The General Council publications including tracts, books, Sunday School literature, periodicals, etc., are all provided for the use of the fellowship.

It is understood that the Assembly shall recognize its obligation to the fellowship as a whole to maintain proper standards of doctrine, church order and conduct. It agrees to participate in the co-operative program of the General and District Councils for the propagation of our distinctive testimony in both home and foreign lands, and to share in such provisions as may be made in General or District Councils for the maintenance of the fellowship on financial or other practical lines.

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ROBERT A. LAURENCE, Pastor

Southern Baptist Church,
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**Writes a Letter to Donald Enders,
Former Westwood A/G Pastor**

To Brother Don Enders:

I contribute joy and peace in Christ, to your leadership and presenting God's Word as it really is. Not as customs and traditions have taught me.

For three years I have desired and longed for a deeper walk with God, knowing that there was more than I had. On July 10, 1963, I received a letter from a very dear friend who had received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. From this time I became very hungry to know God in a deeper way. The Lord put you on my heart to talk to you about this thing, the "Baptism of the Holy Ghost." Because of self and pride I hesitated for almost two weeks. The hunger in God increased until I was willing and then I picked up my telephone and called you. By this time God had humbled me and brought me low. When I called you I was weeping because of the great hunger God had created in my heart. After a season of prayer with you, God restored the joy in my heart and I knew this thing was ordained of God.

For six days we studied for a period of two hours a day the Scriptures pertaining to the Baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues and the gifts of the spirit. In each study I felt the presence of God so rich and real. I continued to hunger for something deeper. The hunger had become so deep and real that I could not eat or sleep.

One morning about 3:30 after coming home from work I went up into

the study and began begging God to fill me with the Holy Ghost. Then the Lord spoke to me and said, "Don't beg, believe." So I began to trust and believe God according to His word. Two days later after a period of Bible study on July 22, 1963, at 2:45 p.m., the Lord gave me faith that he would fill me with the Holy Ghost. As we knelt together to pray you asked me to raise my hands and head toward heaven, then you laid your hands on me and the Holy Spirit began to move over my whole body such as I have never experienced in all my life. I began to resist the Holy Spirit. It seems as though something hit me in the small of my back and I was slain under the power of God. When I came to myself I was speak-

ing in other tongues, as the spirit gave utterance according to the scripture. That hunger now was satisfied and the joy in my heart was made full. I felt the Holy Spirit come over me from the top of my head to the soles of my feet.

This wonderful experience was received in the home of my brother Donald Enders, the former pastor of the Assembly of God Church, Westwood, California.

I now feel the continual protection of the Holy Spirit on me.

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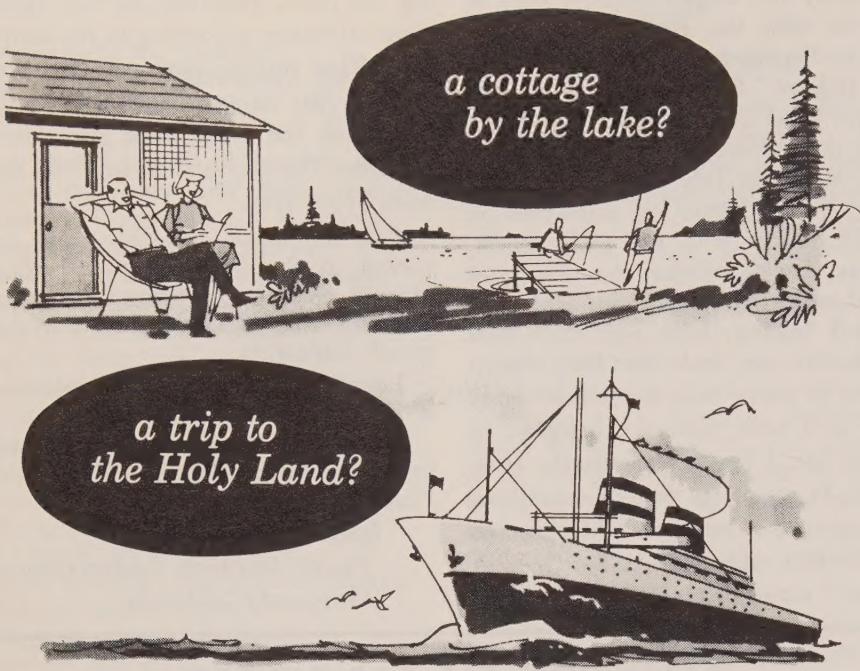
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Spirit Poured Out

From on High

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ger to know the Lord in a more real way. I also felt a lack in my prayer life.

For several days, even prior to these meetings at the First Chinese Church, I spent all the time I could in prayer and praise. One night while I was thinking of the Lord Jesus, it seemed as though He was standing right by me and breathing on me as He did the night after He arose (John 20:21, 22), and saying to me, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost."

It was so precious! And as He breathed on me, I took long breaths to breathe Him in. I remembered how He said, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink... this spake he of the Spirit" (John 7:37, 39). So I drank of the Living Water.

I thought of the experiences of Moody and of Finney, and wondered if I could stand it, but I did not want to stay His hand. It was so wonderful. It lasted a long time.

Never in my life have I had such assurance and such a consciousness of His presence! The Holy Spirit has made the Lord Jesus Christ more real to me. I cannot express the joy and peace and assurance I now have abiding as never before.

Now also, I love to pray, worshiping the Lord more than ever before. I cannot find enough time to praise Him, thank Him, and meditate upon Him. The Lord Jesus Christ is so precious to me!

"Learn to say kind things! No one ever resents them."

STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT AND CIRCULATION:

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SPECIAL... Hebrews: 11-6

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YTC Camp Report

Alta M. Fenton, General Secretary, "Youth Temperance Council of WCTU," Northern California, reports, "We had a YTC camp this year at the Presbyterian Conference grounds near Sonoma. Seventy-three were in attendance from various denominations. The camp was blessed by a spirit of intercessory prayer and a number were saved and many dedicated their lives to the service of the Lord. Many testified personally as to calls and a deeper work done in their hearts by the Holy Spirit. We have a Youth Temperance Education Week in April when we place literature in churches and places where we can put it and educate people and youth as to the harm of cigarettes and also alcohol. "Prevention by Education, and Prayer."

"Success consists of getting up just one more time than you fall down."

Sympathy

We extend our sincerest sympathy to the Searl W. Stover family in the loss of their fourteen year old son, David Lynn, on October 1st. The funeral service was conducted in Olivehurst on October 4 with several of the neighboring Assemblies of God pastors participating. Reverend Stover has pastored the Olivehurst Assembly for a number of years and is presently serving as a District Presbyter. Our earnest prayers are with the family that God will bring comfort and solace in this time of sorrow and bereavement.

New Arrivals

PASTOR and MRS. SAM KERN of Willows. Twins: Krista LeAnn and Kerry LouAnn, born Sept. 2, 1963.

REV. and MRS. ROBERT MAHAFY, Diane Louise, Aug. 17, 1963, Rancho Cordova.

PASTOR and MRS. JERRY WAYMIRE of San Jose, Pamela Ann, Sept. 28, 1963.

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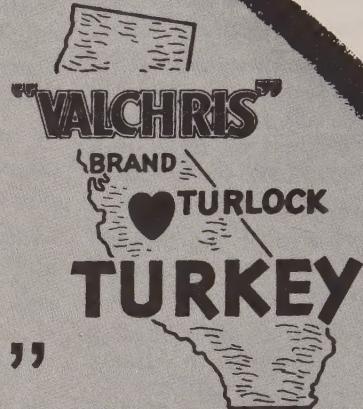
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